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SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON ARGENTINA/BRAZIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION

REF: BRASILIA 7139 (NOTAL)

1. REPORTEDLY QUOTING SO CALLED EXPERTS IN PLATA BASIN AFFAIRS, THE BRASILIA DAILY CORRERIO BRAZILIENSE OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1977 STATES THAT "A NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IS THE IMMEDIATE GOAL TO BE REACHED BY BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, SHOULD THE TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 1977 ON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS IN THE BASIN AREA PRODUCE FAVORABLE RESULTS."

2. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO THE CORREIO SOURCES, IS "TO NEUTRALIZE THE ARGUMENT THAT THERE IS A GROWING MILITARY RIVALRY BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, AND THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CERTAINLY MOVE TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOMB AS SOON

AS THEY HAD THE MEANS TO DO IT."

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3. THE

PAPER STATES THAT THERE IS A CONCRETE FORMULA FOR REACHING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT THAT THIS FORMULA WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT SUGGESTED BY US CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA (SEE REFTTEL). "ACCEPTANCE OF FINDLEY'S PROPOSAL", THE CORREIO SOURCES STATE, "WOULD AMOUNT TO

ADMITTING BELLICOSE INTENTIONS OF BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA IN
THE NUCLEAR AREA AND TO PROVIDING NOT A DEFENSE AGAINST, BUT
A STRONG ARGUMENT FOR THE OPEN AMERICAN OPPOSITION TOWARD
THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT AND, INDIRECTLY, TOWARD THE

COOPERATION BETWEEN CANADA AND ARGENTINA IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD."

4. THE PAPER ENDS BY STATING THAT "A BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINAIAN
NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WOULD PRIMARILY BE A WEAPON OF DEFENSE (FOR
THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAMS) BUT WOULD ALSO BE A KEY TO THE FUTURE
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES."

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